

## **Appendix A**

### **General Regulation Framework for Snake River Tributary Fisheries**

The following regulations are to be used as an example of typical fisheries seasons and are subject to in-season modification. Current year regulations will be published in the most recent WDFW Recreational Fishing Rules pamphlet and WDFW's internet web page. Emergency rule changes will be made, the NMFS informed, and the public notified according to the guidelines presented in the FMEP.

Unless specifically listed in Statewide Rules or Special Rules:

- ! Rivers, streams, and beaver ponds are open June-October to fishing for game fish (except Dolly Varden/bull trout and grass carp).
- ! Lakes, ponds, and reservoirs are open year-round to fishing for game fish (except Dolly Varden/bull trout and grass carp).
- ! Dolly Varden/bull trout must be released year-round unless specifically exempted in Special Rules.
- ! All freshwater areas are open year-round to fishing for sturgeon, shad, and smelt, and closed year-round to fishing for salmon, bull trout, and grass carp. Fishing for common carp is open only during open game fish or salmon seasons.

**Table 1.** Statewide General Freshwater Rules and restrictions as defined in the WDFW 2000/2001 fishing regulation pamphlet.

Statewide General Freshwater Rules:		
Fishery	Daily Limit	Additional Rules
Steelhead	2 fish ≥20"	Annual limit is 30. No more than 2 of the trout combined daily limit for rivers and lakes may be steelhead. Steelhead may be caught and released until the daily limit is retained.
Resident Trout (cutthroat, brown, rainbow, golden, and lake trout; landlocked Atlantic, chinook, and coho salmon; kokanee; and grayling)	2 fish ≥8"	The combined daily limit for fishing in both rivers and lakes on the same day is 5 trout; only 2 of these may be from rivers, except as provided for eastern brook trout. When fishing with bait, all trout (except steelhead) equal to the minimum size or larger are counted as part of the daily limit whether kept or released.
Eastern Brook Trout	5 fish any size	No more than 5 trout total may be kept and no more than 2 can be other trout species
Whitefish	15 fish any size	
Other Game Fish:		
Bass	5 fish any size	No more than 3 bass over 15". Bass may be caught, retained, and released alive from a livewell until a daily limit is in possession.
Tiger Muskellunge	1 fish ≥36"	
Walleye	5 fish ≥18"	No more than 1 walleye over 24". May be caught, retained, and released alive from a livewell until a daily limit is in possession.
Burbot	5 fish any size	Set lines with not more than 5 hooks may be used for burbot where listed in Special Rules.
Channel Catfish	5 fish ≥12"	No more than 1 channel catfish over 24". Minimum size and daily limit apply only in lakes, ponds, and reservoirs, except Snake River mainstem reservoirs.
Crappie, Northern Pike, Northern Pikeminnow, Peamouth Chub, Perch, Suckers, Sunfish, Catfish (except channel catfish)	No limit, any size	
Dolly Varden/Bull Trout	When open under Special Rules, count as part of the trout combined daily limit for rivers and lakes	
Selective Gear Rules		
Only unscented artificial flies or lures with one barbless single hook are allowed; bait is prohibited; fish may be released until the daily limit is retained. No one may fish from any floating device equipped with a motor, except where specifically allowed under Special Rules for individual waters. If any fish has swallowed the hook or is hooked in the gill, eye, or tongue, it should be kept if legal to do so.		
Night Closure		
Fishing is closed from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.		
Non-buoyant Lure Restriction		
When a non-buoyant lure restriction is in effect, anglers fishing with a non-buoyant lure (one that sinks in freshwater) may only use a lure that is equipped with one single hook measuring ¾" or less from point to shank. The single hook restriction does not apply to a buoyant lure (one that floats in freshwater).		

**Table 2.** General fishing seasons by watersheds within the SRMA.

Alpowa Creek and similar minor tributaries of the Snake River		
Fishery	Season	Comments
A. Steelhead	Closed.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	
Asotin Creek: from mouth to forks		
Fishery	Season	Comments
A. Steelhead	Closed.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Lawful to fish from mouth up to the base of Headgate Dam
	North Fork from mouth to USFS boundary	
A. Steelhead	Closed.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	Selective gear rules.
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Selective gear rules.
	Closed waters - all tributaries including George and Charlie Creek, North Fork and all tributaries upstream of USFS boundary, and South Fork and all tributaries.	
Grande Ronde River: from mouth to Country Rd. bridge (about 2½ miles upstream)		
Fishery	Season	Comments
A. Steelhead	Closed.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	Year-round	Release all steelhead. Twelve-inch minimum size limit.
D. Other Game Fish	Year-round	
	From County Rd. bridge to Oregon state line and all tributaries.	
A. Steelhead	September- Mid-April	Hatchery steelhead only, barbless hooks required, Selective gear rules.
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-August	Selective gear rules. Twelve-inch minimum size limit.
D. Other Game Fish	June-August	Selective gear rules.
E. Whitefish	September- Mid-April	Selective gear rules.
	Closed water - Tributaries closed to fishing for steelhead and whitefish.	
Snake River		
Fishery	Season	Comments
A. Steelhead	September-March	Barbless hooks required when fishing for steelhead.
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	Mid-June-August	Six-fish daily limit, 10-inch minimum size.
D. Other Game Fish	Year-round	Release all steelhead June-August. STURGEON - 48-inch minimum and 60-inch maximum size limit, catch-and-release only for waters above Lower Granite Dam.
	Closed waters - Within 400 feet of the base of any dam; within a 400-foot radius around the fish ladder entrance at Lyons Ferry Hatchery; within a 200-foot radius upstream of the fish ladder exit above Lower Granite Dam; and within an are 1,200 feet downstream from the base of the west lock gate at Little Goose Dam on the south bank of the Snake River and 100 feet out into the River form said river bank.	

Tucannon River		
Fishery	Season	Comments
	From mouth (Hwy. 261 bridge) to Turner Rd. bridge (formerly Hwy. 126) at Marengo	
A. Steelhead	November- Mid-April	Hatchery steelhead only, barbless hooks required.
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	No more than 2 steelhead may be retained as part of the trout daily limit. Five-fish daily limit.
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	
E. Whitefish	November- Mid-April	Barbless hooks required.
	Closed waters - All tributaries.	
	From Turner Rd. bridge at Marengo to Cummings Bridge.	
A. Steelhead	November- Mid-April	Hatchery steelhead only, barbless hooks required, selective gear rules.
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	Selective gear rules.
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Selective gear rules.
E. Whitefish	November- Mid-April	Barbless hooks required. Selective gear rules.
	From boundary sign referencing Deer Lake upstream	
A. Steelhead	June-October	Selective gear rules.
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	Selective gear rules.
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Selective gear rules.
	Closed waters - All tributaries and from Cummings Bridge upstream to sign referencing Deer Lake about ¾ mile upstream of Tucannon Hatchery and mainstem form Panjab Bridge upstream.	
Pataha Creek		
	From the mouth to Pomeroy.	
A. Steelhead	Refer to trout rules.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Within the city limits of Pomeroy, Juvenile anglers only (under 15 years old).
	From Pomeroy city limits upstream.	
A. Steelhead	Refer to trout rules.	
B. Salmon	Closed.	
C. Trout	June-October	Selective gear rules.
D. Other Game Fish	June-October	Selective gear rules.